

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter.

Claims:

Claims 1-29 (Cancelled).

30. (Previously Presented) A method of forming an optical fiber, comprising:

- (a) drawing an optical fiber;
- (b) applying a first layer of coating material to the optical fiber;
- (c) applying a second layer of coating material to the first layer;
- (d) applying a third layer of coating material to the second layer;

wherein said first layer has a first modulus and is chosen from a primary coating layer and a coloring layer; said second and third layers having second and third moduli respectively, are chosen from a primary coating layer, a secondary coating layer, and a color coding layer; wherein each layer differs from the other layers and the first, second, and third moduli differs from each other; and

(e) simultaneously curing the first, second, and third layers after application of the third layer.